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Whereas Surface Technology Holdings, Ltd., a company of the State of Ohio, having a place of business at 6325 Hunters Trail, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246, is the owner by assignment of the entire right, title and interest in and to United States Patent Application entitled **METHOD OF REDUCING TENSILE STRESS ZONES IN THE SURFACE OF A PART** (Docket LRI-004PAT) and of the inventions described and claimed therein; Surface Technology Holdings, Ltd. hereby appoints Mark F. Smith, Reg. No. 32,437 and Eric W. Gutttag, Reg. No. 28,853 as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to:

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